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## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### THE ANGLO-FRENCH OFFENSIVE.

Lens New Almost Encircled.

London, April 19.

Correspondents at the British Headquarters say that steady rain and a thick mist are robbing the British of air supremacy and observation.

Since the battle of Arras began, British airmen have made four hundred daily crossings of the German line, taking photographs, thereby enabling the gunners to smash the enemy batteries and emplacements. The guns captured represent a third of the enemy's artillery.

The cordon round Lens is now nearly a semi-circle, and British patrols are within four hundred yards of the streets leading to the centre of the town. The Germans, by damming the Scheldt River, have flooded a portion of Lens, some of the suburbs, and have inundated the mines.

More French Successes.

London, April 19.

A French communiqué says:—There is great reciprocal artillery firing south-west of St. Quentin. We have continued our progress north of Villy and Ostel, between the Aisne and Chemin des Dames.

Our machine guns stopped dead an enemy attack in the region of Courtecon.

The Germans last night made a most violent attack on our positions on the plateau at Verviers, and farther east. They were mown down by our fire. The assaulting waves had to retire with great losses, without reaching our lines.

There was a lively artillery action during the night in the sectors of Legodat and Lamouppelle.

We continued our successes at Moronvillers and Massof, in Champagne. Our attacks were everywhere successful.

We captured Highmont and several heights to the east, including Hill 227.

On the outskirts and south of Moronvillers, we captured two more German batteries.

Twelve new German divisions were identified on the Soissons-Aubervie front.

German Stories.

London, April 19.

A German wireless official message says:—French Army Orders were found which indicate the far-reaching objects of their attack on April 16, which failed. The French only approximately attained tactical aims, to say nothing of their strategic objects.

The French attack on the night of April 17 and 18, near Braye, succeeded.

Repeated attacks on the elevated front at Chemin des Dames, and of special violence near Craonne, failed sanguinarily.

Near Luville aux Bois forest, the position has become unsuitable. We are established to the rear of the fortified line.

New fighting has developed in Champagne, north-west of Aubervie. It was most intense this morning, owing to the introduction of further forces.

The Russian Front.

The Russian fire is more active between the Pripet and Dniester.

Another German Message.

London, April 19.

A German wireless official message states:—Several French attacks along the Aisne and Marne Canal, which were strongest against the Brimont, failed.

Our counter-attack in Champagne compensates us for the enemy gain north-west of Aubervie.

British Position Improved.

London, April 19.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says:—We have improved our position slightly to the south of Monchy le Preux.

We have further progressed to the east of Fampoux, and in the trenches south east of Leos.

We beat off a bombing attack to the south of Lens.

The guns captured total 228.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

A Snub to a Pacifist.

London, April 19.

In the House of Commons, Sir William Byles suggested that there should be peace negotiations.

Mr. Swift McNeill said that it would be time enough to consider peace proposals when the Germans ceased to blow up hospital ships.

Mr. Bonar Law:—That is a better answer than my own, which would have been in the negative.

THE BUDGET.

London, April 19.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that the Budget would be introduced on April 30.

SPANISH CABINET DESIGNS.

London, April 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Madrid says that the Cabinet has resigned.

Reuter's correspondent at Madrid says it is believed that the Liberals will remain in power.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### ACUTE GREEK SITUATION.

Allies Discussing the Situation.

London, April 19.

The Greek situation is again becoming acute, owing to food difficulties and a variety of other reasons.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Allied Governments were discussing the position of Greece, but any statement at present on the subject would be premature. The situation could be discussed at the forthcoming secret session of Parliament. So far, the United States had not participated in the discussion concerning Greece, but he did not doubt that as soon as arrangements had been concluded, the United States would be consulted on every matter in which their interests were concerned.

### AMERICA'S CO-OPERATION.

How She is Helping the Allies.

London, April 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that the Senate and the House of Representatives have passed a Bill permitting the Allies to recruit their citizens in the United States.

Arrangements are being made to send five hundred American railway experts to re-organise the Russian railways.

### RUSSIA'S WAR SPIRIT.

Peace Advocates in the Pay of the Kaiser.

London, April 19.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the speeches delivered at the Government reception to the Anglo-French Labour delegates all emphasised that the Allied democracies were fighting for liberty and the elimination of war.

M. Milukoff declared that the Provisional Government would continue to exert its utmost efforts to annihilate German militarism. That this view is overwhelmingly endorsed by the people was shown by the general condemnation of the pro-peace speeches of a few former exiles whose journey to Russia has been greatly facilitated by the German authorities. All the newspapers refer to them as being in the pay of the Kaiser.

### Russian Socialists' Aims.

London, April 19.

According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, the Associated Press states that assurances have reached Washington that under no conditions at present conceivable will the Provisional Government of Russia yield to the overtures of the Austro-German Socialists for a separate peace.

It is authoritatively learned that, so far from contemplating any peace on the basis which existing Governments have advanced, the Socialists of Russia want to carry their democratising ideas into the Central Empires and to appeal to the Austro-German Socialists to revolt, overthrow the Monarchies and establish Socialist Republics instead.

### The Dardanelles Question.

London, April 19.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that he had no official information showing that the Provisional Government of Russia was willing that the Dardanelles should be internationalised.

### A RUSSIAN INFORMATION BUREAU.

London, April 14.

The statement of the Petrograd correspondent of the Times regarding foreign relations, cabled on April 11, has been semi-officially denied. It is declared that the Executive of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Committee merely informed the Government that it had established an information bureau for the purpose of keeping the foreign Socialist press informed regarding events in Russia.

### SECRET SESSION OF PARLIAM NT.

London, April 19.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that there would be a secret session of Parliament.

### LOSSES OF HOSPITAL SHIPS.

London, April 19.

It is stated that there have recently been losses of hospital ships which he published.

### FRANCE'S GREETING TO AMERICA.

London, April 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that a Mission, including M. Viviani and Marshal Joffre, is proceeding to America to convey the Government's greetings to America on her entry into the war.

### AN ITALIAN SUCCESS.

London, April 19.

An Italian official wireless message states:—Our heavy guns caused great fires at Galliano station, in La Garina Valley. We seized a position to the north of Castagna Vizza, capturing the defenders.

### OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

London, April 19.

In the House of Commons, Dr. H. A. L. Fisher, President of the Board of Education, is introducing the Education Estimates, which are £1,320,000 above last year, emphasising the necessity for removing defects in our educational system which had been revealed by the war.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### THE BERLIN STRIKERS.

Concessions by the Government.

London, April 19.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that, according to Vervaeke, the great Berlin strike was only ended after substantial concessions had been extorted from the Government.

The Food Commissioner was forced to promise that the food rations should be more fairly distributed, that hoarded provisions should be commandeered and that profiteering, concerning which there have been bitter complaints, should be prohibited.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

VON BISSING DEAD.

Amsterdam, April 18.

A telegram from Brussels states that Governor-General von Bissing is dead.

### THE GREAT OFFENSIVE.

Significant French Successes.

London, April 19.

The successes mentioned in the French communiqué of the 19th inst. were gained on the same front as in the battle of the 16th. Thus the French are continuing the tactics of alternating blows. They yesterday smashed a salient south-west of Laon, with captives taken at Nanteuil Vailly. They secured a footing on the great Leon-Craonne plateau, the capture of which cost Napoleon one-fifth of his effectives in 1814. That the French will to-day attempt to storm the plateau is not yet clear. They may prefer a turning movement between Berry-au-Bac and Rheims. The possession of Ville-au-Bois gives elbow room for communications with Berry-au-Bac, which is an important junction of roads and canals. The capture of Ostel shows that the French hold six hundred feet of the hill of Cour-de-Soupir, dominating Chavonne. It is noteworthy that it was near Soupir that Sir Douglas Haig forced the passage of the Aisne in September 1914.

Mention of Courcy shows that the Russians are pushing the encirclement of Brimont mentioned yesterday morning.

### Further British Captures.

London, April 18.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We gained ground at night on the left bank of the Scarpe to the east of Fampoux, and captured, this morning, a further portion of the front line system, to the south-east of Loos. Aeroplanes yesterday night obtained hits on an enemy train and on two columns of mechanical transport in a transport park doing great damage in each case.

### Enemy Admissions.

London, April 18.

A wireless German official message states that a nocturnal attack brought the enemy a small gain of territory near Braye on the Aisne. A second French attack, after failure this morning, is now in progress on both sides of Craonne. Fresh fights began in Champagne this afternoon.

### Brilliant French Operations.

London, April 19.

A French communiqué says:—To the south of St. Quentin, after a lively bombardment, the Germans attacked east of Gauchy. Their first attempt was stopped dead by our fire. The second was more violent and resulted in fractions of the enemy penetrating our advanced trenches, but these were all either killed or captured by an immediate counter-attack and our line was completely restored. We vigorously continued our offensive at various points between Soissons and Aubervie. Despite persistent bad weather, the operations on the west attacking front were brilliantly successful. North of Chavonne we captured the village of Ostel and drove back the enemy for a distance of one kilometre. Northwards we captured Braye en Lannais and all the ground eastwards to the vicinity of Courtecon, where, under the vigorous pressure of our infantry and a murderous fire from our artillery the enemy fled in disorder, abandoning much material and his depots of food.

A single regiment took three hundred prisoners belonging to seven different regiments. We captured nineteen guns, including five howitzers, south of Laffaux. Our troops, covered by divisional cavalry, broke up the enemy and captured Nanteuil-en-Fosse and finally, south of the Aisne, a spirited attack captured the bridgehead between Conde Vailly and the whole of Vailly. An important unit surrounded in the forest of Ville-au-Bois laid down its arms, totalling thirteen hundred prisoners and one hundred and eighty mitrailleurs. The Germans, at 4.30 in the afternoon, furiously counter-attacked with two divisions between Juvincourt and the Aisne, but our batteries and machine gun fire shattered the attack and inflicted sanguinary losses on the enemy who was powerless to approach our lines.

East of Courcy the Russian brigade crowning these successes by capturing a fortified work and taking prisoners. We took twenty-four heavy and field guns in the whole of this region, also three five-inch guns each with one thousand rounds of ammunition. These were immediately employed against the enemy. We reduced several centres of resistance and captured strong points in Champagne, where twenty guns, including eight heavy guns, and five hundred new prisoners were captured. The number of unwounded prisoners sent back since the opening of the battle exceeds seven thousand, and seventy-five guns have hitherto been secured.

## TREATMENT OF BELGIAN SLAVES.

Men Broken and Killed by the Germans.

Some fresh details of the shocking treatment of Belgian deportees in Germany have been received by the Belgian Government. The report comes from a number of men escaped from Germany.

After detailing how all men from 17 to 55 years of age in their village, except the few who consented to work for the enemy in Germany, were taken off to a camp at Münster, the report proceeds:—

"We met in the camp a great number of deportees from Mons and the surrounding district. They had arrived six weeks before, and were in a most pitiful condition. Two of them died before our eyes in one day. Strong men of 20 to 30 were absolutely worn out, and walked like old men, with bent backs and shuffling feet. They had undergone terrible experiences.

"Having refused to work for the enemy, they had been taken to a punishment camp (straflager), where they had been compelled to work in the marshes for 42 days in the coldest weather with only their shirt and trousers on, without food, during the whole day.

"One day a patrol trained a machine gun on them and, as they will refused to sign an engagement, they were fired at with blank cartridges. Another day soldiers threatened them with rifles and bayonets. We only met at Münster part of those who survived this treatment.

"There was in the camp a labour bureau visited by all the employers of the surrounding towns. Some of us, unable to stand the regime of the camp any longer, and hoping to be able to escape more easily if we were not under immediate military supervision, consented to work in the Mannesmann munition factory at Gelsenkirchen.

"We were promised a daily salary of 7s. to 11s., out of which 2s. 4d. would be taken for our board and lodging. We were allowed to correspond with our relatives in Belgium and to receive parcels from them. We were promised leave after two months in order to go to Belgium, and to be definitely released after four months. But after a few days' work we soon realised that none of these promises would be kept. Our cards to Belgium never reached their destination, and our salary was not paid. They took 3s. for our board, and after six weeks at Gelsenkirchen we were only given 7s. 0d., one day's wage. We finally succeeded in reaching the frontier at the end of January last."

### Singapore Golf Club.

The Singapore Golf Club report shows that \$500 has been given to the Red Cross. The year has been successful. H. E. the Governor will again be asked to be President and Mr. Magliston captain.

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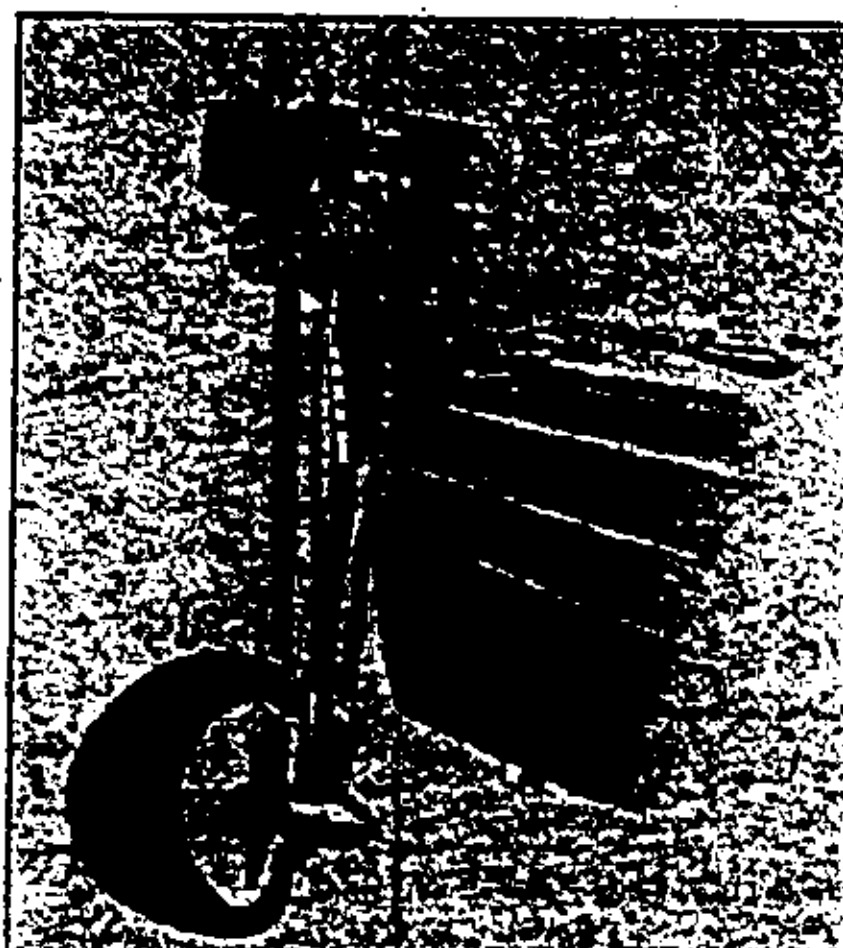
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## GENERAL NEWS

Japan's Gold Reserve.  
The Bank of Japan reports that it held gold on the 11th to the amount of ¥738 millions, an increase of eleven million yen. The amount of specie kept in Japan totalled ¥230 million and abroad ¥508 million.Germany's Newspapers.  
The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, quoting a trade journal, states that the present difficulties of German newspaper proprietors can best be appreciated from the fact that no fewer than 1,430 newspapers and periodicals have had to cease publication.Charge Against Singapore A.S.P.  
Mr. W. Laughton Carter, senior Singapore magistrate, dismissed a charge brought the other day against Mr. A. J. Sheedy, Assistant Superintendent of Police, of voluntarily causing hurt to Chan Boon Seng, a Municipal clerk, during a chiao ji-kee raid at the complainant's house. His Worship said that he did not believe the evidence for the prosecution.Chino-Japanese Amities.  
Tokyo, April 13.—The Emperor received Mr. Wang Fo-wei, the Chinese Vice-Minister of Communications, in audience this morning. Mr. Wang sincerely appreciated the cordial reception he has met with here. To a representative of the press he said: "I am very grateful for the kind reception I have received from high and low. Among the things I have learnt, the relief system in vogue in Japan for railway employees has greatly impressed me."Bravest Deed of the Year.  
The Stanhope Gold Medal for the most notable case of life saving in 1916, with a gratuity of \$5, was awarded by the Royal Humane Society, at its annual general meeting recently, to John Paxton a fireman of the steamer Swedish Prince. The vessel, on August 17, 1916, was shelled by a German submarine in the Mediterranean, and had to be quickly abandoned. Paxton and three other men were left on board when the boats put off, there being at the time a high wind and heavy sea. Paxton jumped overboard and called the men to follow him. He swam with each in turn to the nearest boat, and all were saved.(Germany from Within.  
Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—The German papers report that Baron von Gemmingen, the District President of Lorraine, in a recent speech said: "Much has occurred here which has caused sorrow to the Emperor's heart. When the Emperor again comes to Metz a deputation should say to him: 'We know your Majesty's heart has turned somewhat away from us, but our sons and brothers are also at the front, and have shed their blood. They will return with the Iron Cross as a sign that Lorrainers also have done their share. What Lorrainers are occasionally reproached with are isolated occurrences, which your Majesty will not visit on the people.'"Austria-Hungary: A Vanished Empire.  
That Austria-Hungary had already ceased to exist as a powerful European State was the view taken by Mr. Ernest Barker in a lecture on the Dual Empire at Westfield College (University of London). War, he said, had been necessary to keep the Austrian Empire together according to the German view, and the Dual Empire now existed only under the tutelage of the German Emperor. As an independent State it was no more. As to the future, he pointed out that the Allies' declarations in their reply to President Wilson's fourteen points, if they aimed at bringing together the several nationalities of the Austrian Empire in racial groupings, they would leave the Hungarians and the Austrians in union with no bond of unity and only a hatred in common. He emphasized the fact that for over 50 years the Hungarians, and not the Austrians, had been in control of Austria-Hungary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY the 26th April 1917, at 12.45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1916, and of declaring Dividends &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th April to 26th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1917.

HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

ENTRIES CLOSE April 25th. Entrance Fee \$5 per team to be sent with the entries.

A meeting of the Committee will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion on THURSDAY, April 26th at 5.15 P.M.

F. LINDSAY WOODS,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 19th April, 1917.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on SATURDAY, the 21st April, 1917, at 12 o'clock NOON, at the Offices of the JOCKEY CLUB on the Ground Floor of the HONGKONG CLUB ANNEXE, Chater Road.

By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1917.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY the 3rd May 1917 at NOON.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th instant, to the 3rd both days inclusive.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 4 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY the 26th April, 1917, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1916, and of declaring Dividends &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be closed from 6th April to 26th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1917.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th April to 26th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
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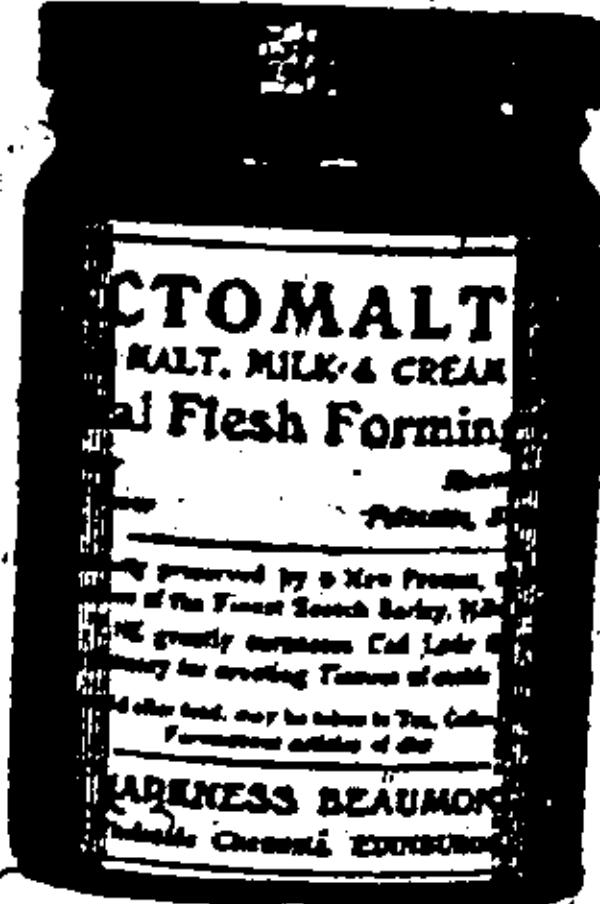
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By Order of the Board,  
W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1917.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

CLUB.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING of the Season will be held at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, 1917, commencing at 3 P.M.

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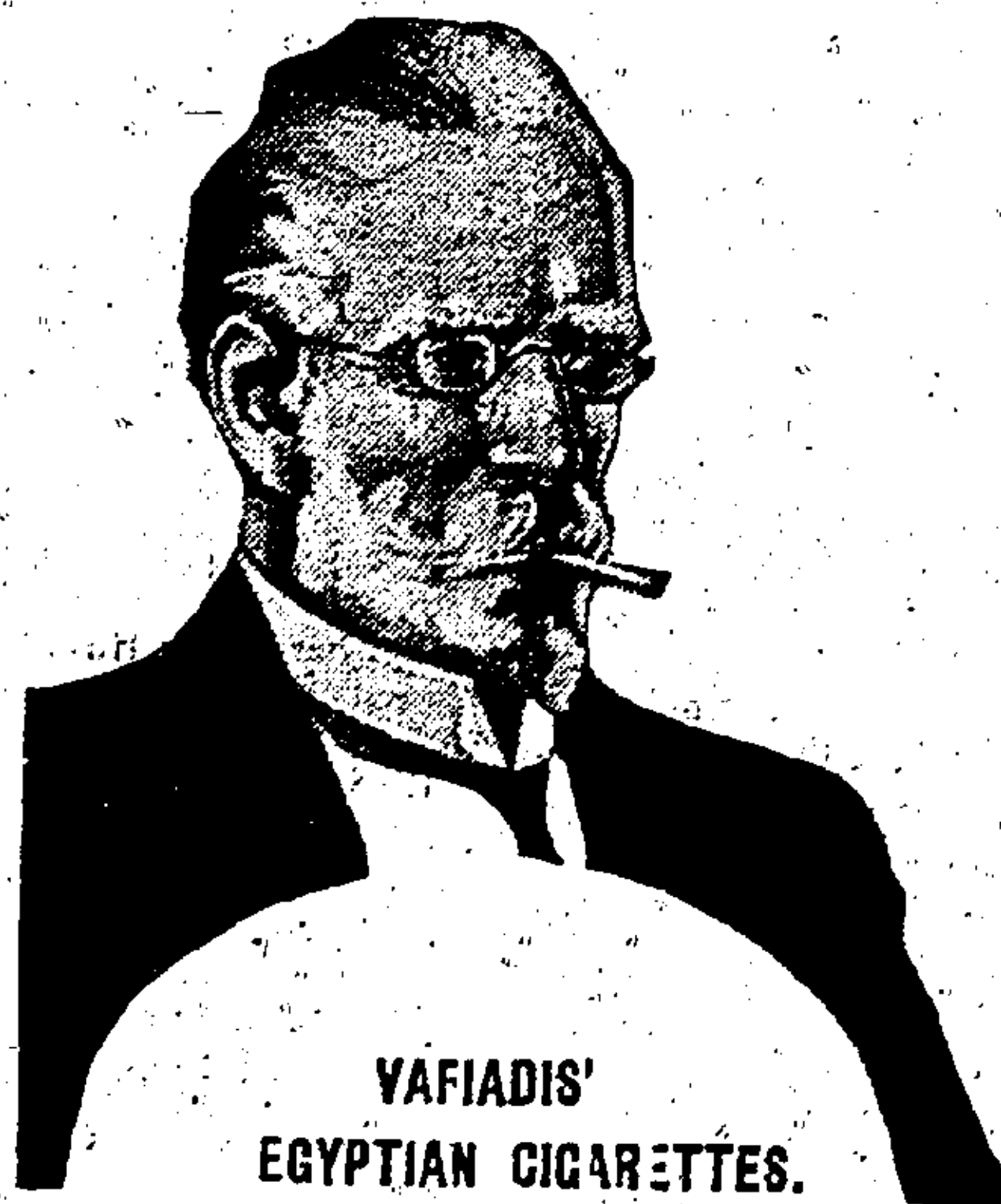
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All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, 1915. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G. P. O. and at all Police Stations. The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

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## THE EXCLUSION OF GERMANS.

Few people, if any, will be surprised at the fact that the Hon. Mr. Holyoak's motion, in favour of the exclusion of Germans from the Colony for a period of ten years after the war, has been rejected by the Legislative Council. It is an open secret that neither the mover of the resolution nor those who supported it expected that it would be passed. But, in bringing it forward and in fearlessly expressing their views concerning the Kaiser and his subjects, they have performed an act which we feel sure will win them a very wide measure of public approbation. We shall, indeed, be surprised if the matter is allowed to rest where it now lies, for we venture to think that if a plebiscite of the whole Colony were taken it would be found that the policy so eloquently pleaded by Messrs. Holyoak, Anton and Pollock would have overwhelming support. If that belief is well founded, then yesterday's decision of the Legislative Council means nothing else than this—that the Colony has been muzzled by the body named, and that it is not to be permitted to express its opinions on what is the most vital local aspect of the war. In that connection, it is worth remembering that, of the nine members who voted against the resolution, seven were Official representatives.

In looking at this matter it is well that we should keep constantly before us the fact that the supporters of the resolution were not asking the Council to pass legislation embodying the idea expressed therein: they merely desired that the Council should confirm the motion as an expression of its opinion, and there they were willing to allow the matter to rest. In other words, they sought to let the Imperial authorities know what the Colony of Hongkong thought on the post-war treatment of enemy subjects. That point, which appears not to have been fully grasped by the Official element, cannot be too strongly emphasised. However unpalatable the views set forth in the resolution may have been to the Official members—even if they were wholly impracticable—surely the Colony had a right to demand that on a question like this its opinions should be laid before the Home Government. To deny that right is to place Hongkong under an absolute autocracy. Coming to the objections raised to the proposal, the one thing which will meet strike the public eye is that the principal of these was that to discriminate against German ships and German business after the war would be to do infinite harm to the port. We should have thought that the business men of the Colony were the best judges on a point like that. At any rate, the motion came to the Council with the unanimous backing of the Chamber of Commerce, and what is more, it was openly stated by the representative of the Chamber that British men of commerce were convinced that they could meet possible German competition from new centres and were prepared to face it. That is an effective answer to those who argue that German trade is essential to the development of the Colony—a contention that any Britisher should be ashamed to advance. One could not help detecting in the remarks of those who opposed the resolution an underlying suggestion that, while business men might be trusted to manage commercial matters well enough, they were out of their element in dabbling with questions of imperial policy, which should be left in the hands of "statesmen." But we would take leave to point out that this is the era of the business man. The Empire has had about enough of the professional politician, and it is not without its significance that, in the hour of its greatest trial, it has called to the inner councils of the nation men of commerce—men who are unlikely to be influenced by a sickly sentimentality which would greet the Hun barbarians as brothers immediately the war is over.

Among the diverse classes at Home one is not surprised to find a handful of pacifist cranks of the "forget and forgive" order. But one hardly expected that there would be people of this kind in Hongkong. Some of the remarks made at yesterday's Council meeting, however, cause us to have misgivings on that point. It is said that the terms of the motion are contrary to the idea of a lasting peace. If by the term "lasting peace" we are to understand that no policy of post-war discrimination against the enemy is to be considered politic, then the bulk of the British people most decidedly want no such peace. Objection was also raised to the resolution because it was based on "retaliation." Its sponsors will probably agree that it was. But why should it not be? What is the present Anglo-French offensive in the West but retaliation? What was the recent British raid on Freiburg but retaliation? And what will the decisions of the Imperial Conference—probably including discriminating tariffs against the enemy—be but retaliation: retaliation after the war, too? Are we, in face of the Hun's atrocious barbarities, to "stand aside, with stopped ears, folded arms and averted gaze"—to use Mr. Aquith's pungent phrase—and not retaliate? The whole civilized world must join in the punishment to be meted out to the Huns, and Hongkong, as one of the biggest ports in the British Empire—and one which has proved that it can very well do without German trade—has a decided right to indicate what penalties it thinks that punishment should include. Whatever the Legislative Council may think, we know what the feeling of the Colony is on this subject. And ways and means whereby it can express its opinions are, happily, not yet exhausted.

## The Chinese and the Council.

We imagine that the bulk of those Chinese merchants in Hongkong who are British subjects will not be best pleased with Mr. Lau Cho-pak for having taken upon himself to speak as he did at yesterday's Council meeting, without having first debated the matter officially with their Chamber of Commerce. Though not literally elected by that body, Mr. Lau stands towards it in much the same relation as Mr. Holyoak towards the British Chamber, where Council matters are concerned. Were a British commercial Unofficial Member to undertake to say publicly, and without previous consultation, what his constituents wished at some important juncture, we are quite sure that the British merchants would have a few remarks to make. H. E. the Governor observed in his speech that the Chinese own four-fifths of the Colony's riches, and pay ninety-seven per cent. of the taxes. In view of this incontestable truth, we are at a loss to understand how Mr. Lau could be content to discuss the question of the hour with "many of my friends," in an informal sort of manner. Frankly, we believe that all classes of the community will feel grievously disappointed at the conduct of the two Chinese Unofficial Members in refraining from supporting their colleagues. Mr. Lau prefers to wait till we see what other countries are going to do. We know well that neither India nor Japan will wait any Huns within her territory, and we would suggest that Mr. Lau might be better employed in using his no small influence with the people in China to persuade them henceforth to bar the Germans, than in helping to thwart—without the formal consent of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce—a measure which every loyal British subject desires to see established. Naturally we feel gratified to see Mr. Lau so staunchly ready to back up the Government of this Colony, but there are times when opposition to the powers-that-be is not necessarily disloyalty.

## Von Bissing.

It is very much a sign of the times that, now and then, even the most charitable of folk instinctively put from them the excellent maxim of the ancients: "Concerning the dead, let nothing but good be spoken." It is true that, when the aged Emperor of Austria was carried to the grave, the prevailing thought in the public mind was that "more sinned against than sinning" applied more or less aptly to him. But that was not the feeling when one heard of the death of the infamous von der Goltz; and still less is it in face of the announcement that General von Bissing has been called to his account, as they say. Most of us would have liked to see him called to his account before an earthly tribunal first. It may be urged that he was but a tool in the hands of the Kaiser. That is so, but he proved himself all too willing an one. And what sort of a man (say, not a man but a thing that went on two feet where it should, by right, have gone on four hands) is it that would pander to the foul desires of a brute maniac like William of Germany? We are as sorry as we can be that von Bissing is dead, because we had looked forward to seeing the Belgians taking a leading part in sending him out of the world. Since this may not be, we will content ourselves with the vindictive hope that all the ghosts of the poor murdered Flemings hung round his deathbed to cheer his departing soul on its way to that Tothet to which it assuredly deserved to go. He had done his work well. He was told to make Belgium—a tiny and almost defenceless country—feel the might of Prussianism; and he obeyed, as witness the burnings, the deportations, the day-light murders, the wholesale robberies and acts of general inhumanity and scurrilous. He has escaped man's retribution, but let us hope that his superior, his confederates and his instruments will not be quite so lucky.

## DAY BY DAY.

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The Dollar.  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.9/10d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the 101st anniversary of the birth of Charlotte Brontë.

For the Troops.  
We have to acknowledge, with thanks, a parcel of magazines for the troops from Mr. E. Howard.

Hongkong Jockey Club.  
The half-yearly meeting of members of the Jockey Club is to be held to-morrow (Saturday) at noon, at the offices of the Jockey Club, on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Obater Road.

Telegrams for the Philippines.  
The French language and the following codes are now allowed in telegrams to the Philippines: A.B.C., Fifth Edition, Scott's Code, Tenth Edition, Western Union, Liebers and Bentley's (except mixing and code-signatures). Code-addresses and code-signatures are still not allowed.

St. George's Day Celebrations.  
In connection with the St. George's Day celebrations, we are asked to state that the entrance fee of \$3 covers the café chantant and the tea, and that for the side-shows an additional \$1 will be charged. The rate for children is \$1 for the entrance and café chantant, while they will be admitted at half-price to the side-shows.

Highway Robbery.  
A case of highway robbery has been reported to the Police by a hawker named Chan San, living at 25, McGregor Street. He says that he was on his way back from Aberdeen to Wanchai by the Wong Nei Cheong road, when two men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, stopped him. He was threatened and the men searched his pockets, robbing him of \$2.35 in money. They then made off.

Uninvited Guests.  
A case of servants' quarters being used by a coolie who had no right there was heard before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning. Mr. Ellis, of Belle Vue, Peak Road, appearing to prosecute a man found on his premises. Mr. Ellis said that many outside people came to the quarters—absolute strangers in fact. They were a perfect nuisance. His Worship imposed a fine of \$4.

Ricksha Coolies' Quarrel.  
A number of private ricksha coolies, of Queen's Road West, had a quarrel yesterday, a free fight ensuing. Several of them received injuries, one man being knocked about so severely that he had to be taken to Hospital. Two of the men were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with assault, when the case had to be adjourned, owing to the injured one not being out of Hospital.

For her Dying Husband.  
When charged with possessing two tablets of opium, before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning, a woman said that her husband was very ill and in a dying condition and that she had come down from the country to buy the opium for him. It was stated that she was arrested as she was going on a launch at Wing Lok Street wharf. His Worship imposed a fine of \$150, or three months' hard labour, the opium to be confiscated.

A Godown Theft.  
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at this Police Court this morning, a godown worker of the Kowloon godowns was charged with stealing a pair of canvas shoes. It appeared that the man was being searched as he was leaving the yard, when the shoes were found in a pocket under his coat. Defendant's excuse was that the assistant head coolie told him that he could have them, but this the assistant head coolie denied. Mr. R. Packham, of the Godown Company, said that petty thefts had been on the increase lately owing to the fact that the Company had a lot of new men working there. Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour and four hours' strokes.

## CANTON'S GENEROSITY.

Further British War Contributions.

A further sum of \$314 subscribed by British residents in Canton has been remitted to London during March and April as undernoted:—

British Red Cross Society \$126  
Central Prisoners of War Committee ... 100  
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Hogg A.V. ... 20  
Hooker Dr. A.W. ... 20  
Hosken A. ... 10  
Izzat D.B. Kongmoon ... 10  
Jenkins Rev. P. ... 100  
Karanjia N.B. ... 20  
Kavarana and Co.B.F. ... 50  
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Kench O. C. ... 5  
Khemchand H. ... 30  
Kitching G. O. ... 10  
Kumaroff A. Kongmoon ... 5  
McNeur Rev. Geo. H. ... 10  
Martin Abe ... 10  
Mavani and Co. P.D. ... 40  
Mullia H. G. ... 10  
Nanawani R.S. ... 5  
Narandas Thavardas ... 40  
Peel C. A. ... 5  
Peraram Pahlagrai ... 75  
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Scrimshaw H. C. ... 10  
Kongmoon ... 10  
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From amongst the letters of acknowledgment received, the following one, dated February 2, 1917, from the Chairman of the Central Prisoners of War Committee, shows how much even small contributions are appreciated:—"I enclose herewith official receipt for the cheque for £50 (fifty pounds) contained in your letter of the 21st December. Will you please convey my thanks, and the thanks of my Committee, to the British residents in Canton for this very kind donation towards

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

Detail of the Shakespearean Performances.

The scenes, songs and speeches to be presented on St. George's Day at the Theatre Royal, and to be repeated on the following Wednesday (matinee) and Saturday at 9.15 p.m., comprise the following:—

Jester's Prologue from Henry VIII.  
King John—Act IV Sc. I.  
"Who is Silvia?" Song from "The Two Gentlemen of Verona."  
Twelfth Night—Act II Sc. III.  
Jaques' Soliloquy from "As You Like It."

Ballet illustrating "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to the music of Mendelssohn's "Rondo Capriccioso."

Hamlet—Act I Sc. IV & V.  
Act III Sc. I (Part).  
"Under the Greenwood Tree" Song from "As You Like It."  
The Merry Wives of Windsor.  
Act II Sc. I (Part). Act III Sc. 3 (Part).

"Full fathoms five" Song from "The Tempest."  
Henry V. Battle Speech before Harfleur.  
Rosalind's Epilogue from "As You Like It."

The Epilogue from Elgar's Banner of St. George. (With vision of St. George).  
The choral items will be rendered by a chorus of 70 voices under the direction of Mr. Denman Fuller.

By kind permission of Colonel John Ward, M.P., and officers, the orchestra of the 25th Middlesex Regiment will be in attendance under Bandmaster Lawrie Owen. Booking for the matinee on Wednesday, 25th inst., and for the evening performance on Saturday, 28th inst., is now in progress at Moutrie's. The proceeds of these two extra performances will again be devoted to War Charities.

Prices of admission will be as usual:—\$3, \$2, \$1. Children will be admitted at half-price at the matinee.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve), state:—

Parades, Central, 5.30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.—No. 1 Section under Company Sergeant Major. Also all Recruits of No. 2 Company.  
Wednesday, April 25.—All Recruits of No. 3 Company and of No. 2 Platoon.  
Thursday, April 26.—No. 3 Company under Chief Inspector Lammer and O. O. Company.  
Friday, April 27.—No. 2 Section at Water Police Station under C.S.M. 5.45 p.m. Also Recruits of No. 2 Company at Central at 5.30 p.m.

Police School.  
Class XI (Inspector Gordon)—Wednesday, April 25.  
Band and Orchestra.  
Tuesday, April 24.—Music Class 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25.—Band Practice 6 p.m.  
Friday, April 27.—Band Practice 6 p.m.  
Members of the Band are referred to standing Order 87 (d), page 38. Until further orders all leave must be obtained from the undersigned through the Bandmaster or Assistant Bandmaster.

The Bandmaster is granted two months' leave from April 15 to May 15.  
P.C. 725 Marques is dismissed.  
P.O. 244 Chan Chan is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

our Fund? They could not have devoted their generosity to a more worthy cause than that of relieving the sufferings of our prisoners of war in Germany. With repeated thanks."

Copies of the circular issued with regard to Canton War Contributions can be obtained from the undersigned, to whom further donations and subscriptions should be sent. The Committee hopes that a wider and more general response will be made to their appeal for funds.

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Hon. Treasurer.

## TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Moreover, the phonetic spelling of, say, Devonshire and Northumberland, would differ amazingly; the result, indeed, would be hardly intelligible if the written word were exchanged between the two counties. Dialect, particularly in elementary schools, must be taken into account. Personally, if simplified spelling were made compulsory to-morrow I should become a conscientious objector, and be prepared to suffer for my faith. Still, the Board of Education's little joke may provide some amusement.

It has remained for an American weekly paper to distinguish the difference between birds and birds. It was like this: A young woman entered a bookshop in Chicago and asked the help of the clerk in selecting suitable reading. She especially desired some native American fiction, she said. "Why not try Allen's 'Kentucky Cardinal'?" said the salesman, taking a copy of the book off the shelf. "That's a very popular book." "No; I don't think I care for those theological stories," said the lady. "But this cardinal was a bird!" "I am not interested in the scandals of his private life," replied the young woman; and out she walked.

Apostle spoons, of which many examples are changing hands in the auction rooms just now, were made in sets of 12, together with a Master spoon. In the case of those belonging to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, this thirteenth spoon is surmounted with the figure of St. Paul. Complete and original sets can be counted on the fingers of one hand, and for the earliest of them—dating from Henry VIII's reign—Mr. Pierpont Morgan had to pay \$4,900. A single Charles I. example, which sold in London this week for £34, was found in the thatched roof of a Devonshire barn.

"Hansard" that indispensable record of Parliamentary proceedings, of which Mr. Austen Chamberlain has presented his father's edition to the new Canadian Parliament House, originated in the fertile brain of William Cobbett, says the *Chronicle*. It began modestly enough, in 1804 as a supplement to "Cobbett's Weekly Political Register," but two years later was issued as a separate publication under the title of "Cobbett's Parliamentary Debates."

Pecuniary difficulties presently compelled Cobbett to dispose of the property to his printer, T. Curran Hansard, who dropped the originator's name from the title page in 1812, but did not adopt the more familiar "Hansard's Parliamentary Debates" until 1829. After enjoying Government subsidies for many years the publication was taken over by Parliament in 1890, since when Hansard's name, like Cobbett's, has disappeared from the title-page, though it is seldom referred to save by the old familiar designation.

A note in the *Geographical Journal*, prompted by a paper at one of the meetings upon the natural division of England, says with truth that local patriotism is most strongly developed in those shires remote from London where the county tongue is most conspicuous. This county pride, so strongly felt both in Devonshire and Yorkshire—shires with highly characteristic peculiarities of speech, intonation, and formerly of dialect—hardly exists at all in Middlesex and not in any marked degree in Surrey, where the overbearing influence of London has quite killed the original county speech—always pleasant to hear wherever spoken because born of the soil—and with it apparently that remarkable regional consciousness which is so marked in the North and West of England alike. No one will venture to deny that "West Country" has special significance as applied to Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall.



# FORGERY AND IMPERSONATION.

## Trial at the Criminal Sessions.

The Criminal Sessions were continued before the Paines Judge at the Supreme Court this morning.

Yau Kwok-choi, of 42, San On, was indicted on charges of impersonating one Shing Loi-bing, forgery, and obtaining \$130 by fraud.

Another defendant, Pang Chan-tai, alias Pang Ngan, was indicted on a charge of being an accessory before the fact. Both prisoners pleaded not guilty.

Mr. G. N. Orme, of the Crown Solicitor's Office, appeared to prosecute.

The jury were empanelled as follows:—Messrs. Philip Robert Wolf, A. J. d'Ess, J. A. Dyer, G. M. Gutierrez, R. H. North, T. Brawn and F. H. Smith.

The facts of the case were outlined by Mr. Orme, who said that the first defendant was charged with forging the actual signature, and the second defendant was charged with forgery also, inasmuch as he attached his signature to the instrument as a witness of the signature of the first defendant, and, furthermore, that he introduced the first defendant to the broker with whom the mortgage was made. The name on the document was that of Shing Loi-bing, who lived in the same village as defendants, but who died about six years ago. He had no family or relatives except a son who was deaf and dumb, and, in consequence, the land belonging to him remained in his name. When he was dying, he gave a certified extract of his holding to a friend of his named Yan I Fook, and asked him to pay the rent and make arrangements for his son. This was undertaken, but some time later the friend found it necessary to go abroad and handed the holding to his sister-in-law, who, in turn, thought that she was not much of a woman for business and handed it to the first defendant, asking him to pay all the rent. Then the second prisoner introduced the first to a broker and the land was mortgaged, the signature being attached at the Land Office. To cut a long story short, Yan I Fook came back, found that there was something wrong, and saw the broker. The two of them tried to get the money out of the first defendant, but they were not successful, and at length the broker took action. At the Police Court, the first defendant, in a statement, said that the second had told him what characters to write, and he could not read or write, so did not know what they were.

The jury found both prisoners guilty, and Mr. Orme said that there was a previous conviction against the second man.

His Lordship sentenced the first man to 12 months' hard labour and the second man to two years' hard labour.

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY DINNER.

As is announced in our advertising columns, the Grand Hotel management has arranged a special dinner for St. George's Night, at \$2.50 per head, the entire proceeds to be devoted to the Hongkong Aeroplane Fund. The dinner will be followed by a special concert. The menu for the dinner is as follows:—

Hot d' Omelette Varieties.  
Soup.  
Frittes Marmite.  
Fish.  
Boiled Turbot, Sauce Victoria.  
Entrées.  
Fillet Beef St. George. Ham a la Victoria.  
Pate de Foie Gras a la Haig.  
Roast.  
Saddle of Mutton, Red Currant Jelly.  
Capon Anglaise.  
Green Peas.  
Boiled Potatoes.  
Asparagus Briton.  
Sweet.  
Ice Cream, Queen Mary Style.  
Jelly Tutti Frutti.  
Cheese.  
Fruit.  
Coffee.

St. George's Day Sermon.  
The Bishop of Victoria will preach at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in connection with the St. George's Day Commemoration.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

## THE EXCLUSION OF GERMANS.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—The Hon. Mr. Holyoak made it a point in his speech at the Legislative Council yesterday, that the trade of the Colony is in a healthy condition at the present time. That is saying a great deal for the energy and resourcefulness of the mercantile community in Hongkong when so important a factor as the abnormal high exchange militates against the export trade of the Colony. The honourable gentleman refrained from citing concrete examples in support of his assertion.

Anyone with any shadow of interest in the trade of the port cannot help being struck by the fact that for the past two consecutive days every one of the berths at the Kowloon wharves was occupied by a deeply-laden ocean-going steamer. This fact does not speak that the Colony's trade is in any anemic condition. The Governor's remark notwithstanding, the Colony's life blood is coursing very healthily in every artery of the port's trade organism.

It is unfortunate that the two Chinese Unofficial members did not see fit to consult their constituency on so vital a question as that before the Council yesterday. They voted on the resolution. With all respect to their other qualifications, one cannot resist the conclusion that, in matters affecting the commercial interests of the port, they are veritable pignions when ranged by the side of the quartette of commercial giants representing the British Unofficial element on the Council. It is to be feared that capital will be made out of the solid voting of the Chinese members with the official phalanx. The necessity for constitutional reform in Hongkong has never been more forcibly demonstrated than by the proceedings of yesterday's meeting of the Council. Yours etc.

Hongkong, April 20, 1917.

# R.H.K. YACHT CLUB.

## Handicap Class.

The race for the "Rolla" prize, presented by Mr. G. O. Potts, will be sailed off on Saturday, 21st instant.

Course:—Lyemun Bescon (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Channel Rocks (S), East Rocks (P). Distance 8.19 miles.

Preparatory gun 2.25 p.m. Starting gun 2.30 p.m. Starting and Finishing line, Club House, North Point. Time Limit 6.30 p.m.

## Handicaps.

	M. S.	per mile.
Dione ...	...	Scratch
Rolla ...	...	10
Jessica ...	...	25
Kathleen ...	...	40
Coleen ...	...	40
Aileen ...	...	40
Musetta ...	...	500

English Rig Cruiser Class.  
The race between the Feather and the Irene, to decide the Championship of this class, will be sailed off on Saturday, 21st instant.

Course:—North Fairway Buoy (S), Stonecutters Island (S). Distance 8 miles.

Preparatory gun 1.55 p.m. Starting gun 2 p.m. Starting line, Murray Pier and Outer Navel Buoy. Finishing line, Club House, North Point. West to East. Time Limit 6.30 p.m. Closing Cruise.

The closing cruise of the season will take place on Saturday, 28th instant, when Ladies' Races for prizes presented by His Excellency the Governor will be sailed for by yachts of the Racing class.

There will be no Cruiser race, but owners are requested to anchor opposite the Club House and to dress ship.

The various prizes won during the season will be presented by Lady May at the conclusion of the day's sport.

# VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued by Lieut. Colonel A. Chapman V. D. state:—

Joined.  
The undermentioned having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—No 2088, Spr. J. A. Thom to Engineering Company; No 2089, Pte. T. W. Ainsworth to Scouts Company; No 2090, Spr. J. E. Pomeroy to Engineer Company.

Leave.  
No. 1927 Spr. W. Old is granted leave for the duration of the war from 19th April 1917; No. 1764 Spr. A. Tipton is granted 3 months' leave from 13th April 1917; No. 1566 Pte. J. H. Taggart is granted 6 weeks' sick leave from 18. 4. 17.

Promotion.  
To be Corporal (dated 20th April 1917). No. 1639' Les. Cpl. R. L. Rocha.

Transferred.  
No. 1701, Pte. D. O. Wilson is transferred from Stretcher Bearer Section to Artillery Battery, dated 20th April 1917; No. 1949 Gr. A. F. Brown is transferred from Artillery Battery to Engineer Company, dated 20th April 1917.

Engineer Company.  
(a) Detail of Engineer Coy. duties at Lyemun from 18th to 30th April has been posted at Headquarters. (b) From Monday night 3rd instant to Monday morning 30th instant inclusive. The Engineer Company H. K. V. C. with the exception of the officers already detailed, are relieved of all E. L. duties. The usual night duties will recommence on Monday night 30th instant. The officers, Engineer Company H.K.V.C., if E. L. Stations will do duty during this period as usual.

Parades.  
Tuesday, 24th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 8" Section (sub-sections 1 and 2 only) at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks; Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.  
Wednesday, 25th instant.—5.10 p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co. drill at Kowloon Dock. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Wharf at 4.30 p.m. Left. Right Sections M. G. Co., Scouts Company and Civil Service Company outside Courts of Justice under unit Commanders and proceed by car to Polo Ground.  
Thursday, 26th instant.—5.15 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables; 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.

Friday, 27th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 8" Section (sub-sections 1 & 4 only) at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground C.S.M. Wittebell, Corps. Grimes and Edgcombe will attend, 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks, 5.30 Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.

Detail.  
On duty 29th instant Civil Service Company; 30th instant Centre Section M. G. Co.; 1st May, Right Section M. G. Company; 2nd May Scouts Company; 3rd May Scouts Company; 4th May Civil Service Company; 5th May Centre Section M. G. Co.

Orderly Officer from 29th April to 5th May, Lieut. Bees.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting.  
A special meeting of all members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is called for Tuesday next at 4.30 p.m. Members are strongly urged to be present.

Cheating Shopkeepers.  
There were two more cases of Chinese shopkeepers having weights which operated against the purchaser heard at the Police Court this morning. Inspector Torrett proving that in one case the weight was as much as ten per cent. against the buyer. Mr. C. D. Melbourne in this case imposed a fine of \$10, and, in the other case, wherein the man summoned had three weights slightly under weight, he imposed a fine of \$4.

# DAIRY FARM NEWS.

## JUST ARRIVED SHIPMENT OF PRIME & DELICIOUS AUSTRALIAN APPLES.

### A REVENGEFUL THIEF.

A rather curious story was told at the Police Court this morning when a man was summoned for using insulting language to a Chinese woman.

It appeared that in January the man stole some clothing and made off to the country, a friend of the man who was robbed reporting the matter to the Police. The thief returned yesterday, and, going to the shop of the man who had reported his theft—at 25, Staunton Street—said he was going to kill him for so doing. The man was out, and the irate thief, who was under the influence of drink, then assaulted a woman of the house, who, in turn, belaboured him with a clog. He was eventually arrested and charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court this morning.

Inspector Brazil said that the man was under the influence of drink when brought to the station. A fine of \$2 was imposed, and the man was also bound over to be of good behavior for six months.

### HONGKONG MAIL MISSING.

The Post Office notifies that telegraphic advice has been received from London to-day to the effect that the mail dispatched from Hongkong to London (via Siberia) on January 10, 1917, is missing.

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### TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

##### NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of all Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is called for 4.30 P.M. o'clock on TUESDAY, the 24th April, in Chamber of Commerce Room, New Government Building. All members are strongly urged to be present.

By Order,  
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
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Hongkong, 20th April, 1917.

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### ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

MONDAY, April 23rd, 1917.

DISTRIBUTION OF BADGES, ETC.

WITH reference to the Circular Letter sent out by the Ladies Committee, will ladies in charge of Centres kindly note that for the convenience of those desirous of attending the Gymkhana to be held at Happy Valley on the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 21st inst., Trays, Tins and Badges will be distributed at the City Hall on SATURDAY between 12 and 1 P.M.

The Distribution will be continued in the afternoon between the hours of 2.30 and 5 P.M.

ON MONDAY, APRIL 23rd the Centre Depot has been changed from the City Hall to the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion, (kindly lent by the Committee of the Hongkong Cricket Club) it is therefore requested that all Tins be handed in at the Cricket Club Pavilion and not as previously advised at the City Hall.

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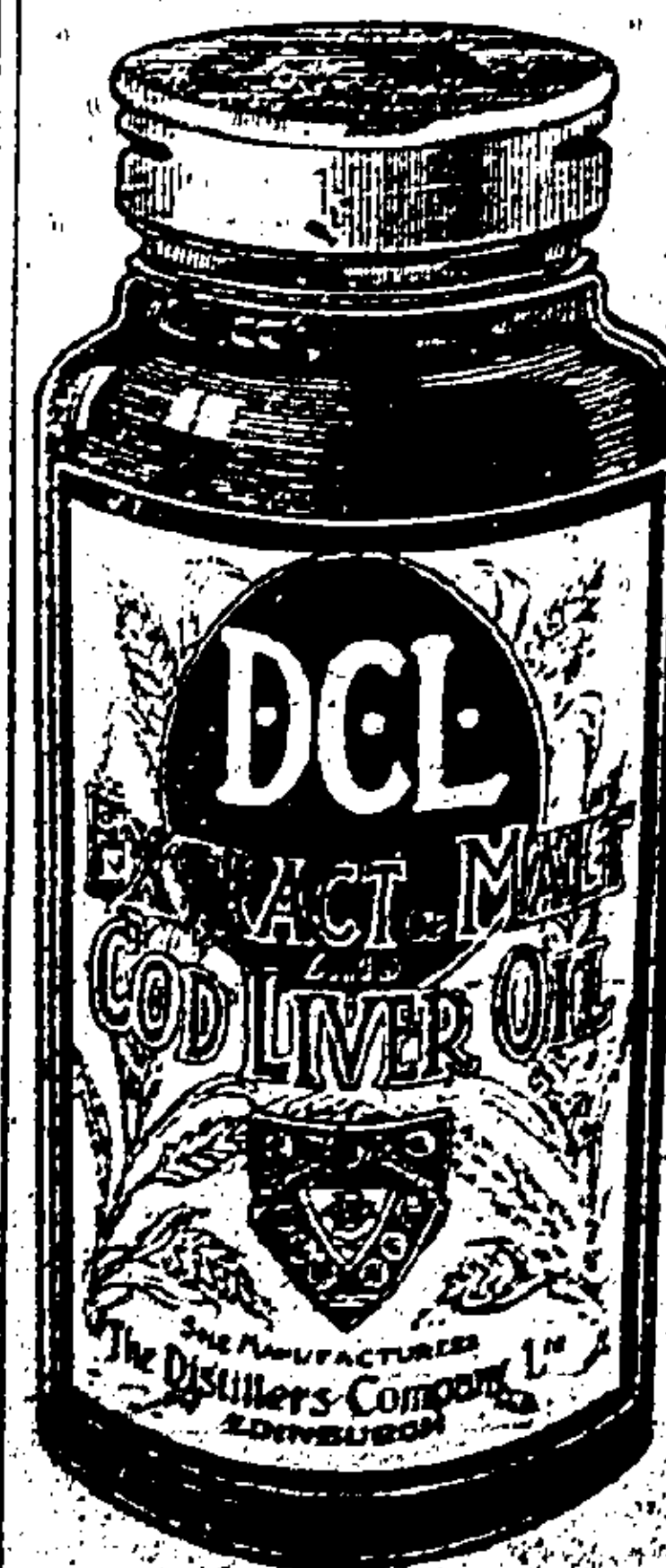
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SHANGHAI, Kobe, and Yokohama	Katori Maru Capt. A. Kon T. 21,000 Kamo Maru Capt. Inadzu T. 16,000	{APR., at 11 a.m. {SATUR., 12th May, at 11 a.m.
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HAIPHONG	Taksang	Sun., 22nd Apr. at 7 a.m.
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## SHIPPING NEWS

## Chinwaungtao Shipping.

The total number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared at Chinwaungtao during the quarter ended in December 1916 was 267 vessels of 356,890 tons, showing a decrease of nine vessels and 35,090 tons compared with the corresponding quarter of 1915. The percentages of the different flags were 43.5 per cent. Japanese, 25.8 British, 12.4 Chinese, 6.3 Russian, 7.8 Norwegian and 3.7 American.

## Tribute to Chinese Stokers.

Nothing has been finer in the whole course of the war, said Mr. C. Laws, at the meeting of the Chamber of Shipping, than the way in which the Chinese firemen had gone about their duties undisturbed by the dangers of a mine-infested sea. He gave an instance of a vessel which was peppered by gun fire. They carried Chinese stokers, who, by all the rules of the game drawn up by their critics—when they heard the first shell should have thrown down their tools, thrown themselves into their bunks taken out their pipes and opium, turned up their toes to the ceiling and resigned themselves to their fate. What they did was to turn to and work harder than niggers—they worked like Chinese—with the result that the vessel was able to get extra speed to gain the shelter of a fog bank before the submarine could overtake her.

## Freight-Space Brokers.

Both steamship companies and shippers are still much vexed by the sharpness of the so-called sempu (freight space brokers), says the "Japan Chronicle." It is said that though the steamship companies are doing their best to allot freight-space to shippers according to their requirement in the past, their efforts are marred by the activities of men who pass themselves off as shippers and transfer their allotments to others at a handsome profit. It is a complaint that the minor employees of certain Japanese steamship companies are bribed by shippers. This naturally subjects conscientious shippers to much inconvenience and difficulty in these days of universal scarcity of tonnage. We understand, continues the Kobe paper, the Nippon Yusen and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha have taken steps to eliminate the causes of such complaints. It is said that they have decided not to place the task of allocating freight-space in the hands of lower officials, while each application for tonnage will be closely examined before allotment, with a view to the particular goods covered.

## China Coast Gazette.

Mr. W. J. Guy, chief officer, Tatung, is on leave. Mr. J. J. McLeavy, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Tatung. Captain J. Cudney, from reserve, has gone master, Chili. Mr. J. Pugh, acting master, Chili, is on reserve. Mr. F. H. Lacks, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Tean. Captain D. R. Davies, of the Foochow, is on leave. Mr. C. R. M. Cham, from reserve, has gone acting master, Foochow. Mr. J. Gray, from reserve, has gone acting master, Tuckwo. Captain G. Philip, of the Tuckwo, is on leave. Mr. T. R. Bayle, from reserve, has gone acting master, Suifu. Captain T. H. Selar, of the Suifu, is on leave. Mr. M. F. Delpan, second officer, Taisang, has gone chief officer, same ship. Mr. M. McCarthy, supernumerary chief officer, Chysan, is on reserve. Mr. T. H. King has been appointed third officer, Mausang. Mr. H. Conway, chief officer, Chingchow, has resigned. Mr. J. Cartwright has been appointed chief officer, Chingchow. Mr. A. N. Seaton has been appointed second officer, Kumchow. Mr. E. W. Lawson, second officer, Kumchow, has gone chief officer, same ship. Mr. J. E. Hamilton, second officer, Honam, has resigned. Mr. A. Galt, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Honam. Mr. E. Bentley, chief officer, Hongkong, has resigned. Mr. J. Ibbotson, second officer, Hongkong, has gone chief officer, same ship. Mr. A. Dawson, third officer, Hongkong, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. A. G. Harris, chief officer, Honam, has gone chief officer, Suifu. Mr. L. McLaren has been appointed chief officer, Castlefield. Mr. T. Maddicot, chief officer, Suifu, has been dismissed. Mr. H. Lanne, has been appointed chief officer, Charles Hardouin. Mr. H. Cornwell has been appointed chief officer, Kwangsi.

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HONGKONG TO CANTON. | CANTON TO HONGKONG.

FRIDAY, 20th APRIL, 1917.

10.00 p.m. Kinsan. | 4.00 p.m. Fatshan.

SATURDAY, 21st APRIL, 1917.

8.00 a.m. Fatshan. | 8.00 a.m. Heungshan.  
10.00 p.m. Heungshan. | 4.30 p.m. Kinsan.

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Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1917.

The Company's Steamship

"TAISHAN"

Will depart from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at 9 a.m. and return from Macao at 3 p.m.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 1 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th April, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under- signed on or before the 30th April, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th April, at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter- signed by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1917.

## CONSIGNEES

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SHANGHAI KOBE,  
and MOJI.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN,"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at consignees risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

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Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bill of Lading can be counter-signed.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, April 21st, at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after April 23rd, 1917, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading immediately for counter-signature.

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of presenting the Report of the  
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## TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to The "Telegraph.")

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## JAPAN AND THE COMING COMMERCIAL WAR.

London, April 18.  
The Japanese Ambassador with Japanese delegates en suite who attended the Allied Commercial Conference in Rome were guests at luncheon in the House of Commons.  
The Japanese Ambassador dwelt upon the possibility of a war of commerce after the war and said it was high time for the Allies to take steps to protect themselves against such an eventuality. He said the Anglo-Japanese Alliance was stronger than ever. It was Japan's mission to maintain peace and preserve order in the Far East. He congratulated Britain on her victories on the Western Front, which, he said, herald greater things to come.

## MORE RELIEF SHIPS SUNK.

London, April 18.  
Four Belgian relief ships, provided with safe conducts, have been recently sunk outside the danger zone, near the Dutch coast.  
The French Government has requested the King of Spain to intervene.

## THE IDLE AUSTRIANS.

Berne, April 18.  
It is reported from Vienna that operations on the Austrian front are at a complete standstill.

## WIRELESS OF TO-DAY.

## The Voice of the Ocean.

A Daily Chronicle correspondent writes:—

Wireless has bridged the two greatest water spaces of the world, the Atlantic and the Pacific. Europe for many years has been able to maintain wireless communication with America, and late last year America was put within wireless radius of Japan and Honolulu, the service being opened with an interchange of congratulatory messages between President Wilson and the Emperor of Japan, it shed across the ocean from Bolinas in California to Funabashi, a distance of 4,200 miles.

Ashore we are all too unfamiliar with this latest and greatest of the sciences. Before the war there were several thousand crude, home-made installations, all within a 20-mile radius of London, whose energy was not altogether appreciated by their professional brethren aboard ships in the river.

An aeroplane is little better than useless without a wireless set aboard. This provides it with the only means of communication with its base, or with the battery of heavy guns, when engaged upon the direction of artillery fire. Which brings us to the matter of the sea. Wireless, we may say, is the voice of the ocean. It links up ship with ship, however distant from the land or from the recognised routes of trade. Without it modern naval warfare would be impossible. Even before 1914 a long Press message was flashed out nightly from Poldhu, the great Cornish station. This message was picked up by ships within a radius of a few hundred miles, and retransmitted by them another few hundred miles to other ships. So the message went on, until within the space of an hour or two it was the public property of stations as distant as Cape Town and Buenos Ayres. And every great liner published a daily newspaper, giving the latest news from all parts of the world.

The S. O. S. signal is the most urgent and sacred call in the wireless world, a call which no operator will ignore. And yet the enemy have made false use of this signal. There was one case of an American skipper somewhere off Bantry Bay, who, picking up an S. O. S. some fifty miles distant, made thither at top speed, to find on arrival, not a vessel in distress, but a German submarine, the commander of which not only made no apology, but was so annoyed to find that it was an American instead of a British boat that he had snarled, that he threatened to sink it there, and then, and probably he would have put his threat into force had not a British destroyer showed up on the horizon.

Another case was that of the German steamer, Anglo-Californian, bound from America. The sighted a German submarine mid-ocean, and made off as fast as the engine would permit, the ship in hot pursuit, her wireless operator sending out the S. O. S. signal as fast as he knew how. Meanwhile the shell-fire grew fiercer, the ship was raked from end to end. They had not a single weapon of their own with which to retaliate, but they stuck to it as only British sailors can. Then there came an answer to their signals, "Coming to your help. Hang on." It was from a British man-of-war, somewhere across the horizon, far out of sight. By this time the firing had grown so fierce that the operator was forced to manipulate his key, lying on his back in his cabin. At last came the welcome news, "Can see your smoke. Hang on." "For God's sake, hurry up; they're shelling us like hell," replied the Californian operator. Then the German operator intercepted, and had his gun trained full on their aerial, their last hope of salvation. Luckily, the German shooting was wild, and eventually the British warship hove in sight. Immediately the submarine dived, and they were ordered to report her trail.

Yet earlier in the war occurred the unhappy Breslau and Goeben affair. When surrounded by British craft, these two powerful men-of-war succeeded in effecting an escape, sighted only by one of our light cruisers. Immediately she wirelessed for help.

In the year 1915, 26 vessels were reported by the United States to have sent out the call for assistance. The calls included accidents of all kinds, including collision, running ashore, broken-down machinery, storm, cargo-shifting, and torpedoes. In one case, that of a Greek vessel which caught fire in mid-ocean, she was abandoned by the passengers and crew, aggregating 470. Within two and a half hours two other vessels had taken on board, in one case 341 survivors and in the other the remaining 129. The original vessel was entirely destroyed.

On another occasion a vessel with 1,700 Italians aboard caught fire at sea. The S. O. S. signal immediately brought up another vessel, which took off 600 survivors, then conveyed the disabled boat into port without the loss of a single life.

The present scheme of wireless is to circle the world with a constant line of communication, somewhat after the fashion of from Poldhu to Suez, Suez-Bombay, Bombay-Funabashi, Bolinas to Sandy Hook, and thence back again to Poldhu. This system will require many hundreds of new operators, and, taking into consideration the fact that almost every sea-going vessel carries one, and sometimes two operators, wireless will provide a new and enthralling profession for many thousands of young men.

## Burma Railways.

The public is notified that from the April 15, 1917, first class fares will be raised from fifteen to eighteen pence per mile. Double the enhanced rate is charged on the Lashio Branch and the Southern Shan States Railways. Various alterations of the train service on the Letpadan-Hamada-Bassien branch are announced, both in the up and down trains.

## THE VICTORY LOAN.

"World's Greatest Financial Operation."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, making his promised statement on the War Loan in the House of Commons, said that he had now received the essential figures.  
In his preliminary statement, said Mr. Bonar Law, he had said that a large number of applications—200,000 or 300,000—had not been examined, but the number was much greater. He was glad to tell the House that the total result reached a figure which even a week ago he would have considered altogether impossible to be reached. (Cheers.)

He proposed, in giving the figures, again to regard Treasury Bills as new money advanced to the extent to which they had been converted.  
The following are the figures—  
Applications through the Bank of England ... £19,586,000  
Treasury Bills converted ... 130,711,950  
Application from Post Offices ... 30,715,000  
War Savings Certificates ... 19,300,000

Total £1,000,312,950  
Of the amount applied for, only 22 millions was in tax-free loan. Through the necessity of keeping up our exchanges, the value of money in the London market had long been much higher than it would have been, and even up to the very week of the issue, Exchequer bonds bearing 6 per cent., and Treasury bills bearing 5½ were issued.  
In consequence it had been urged on him by many of those most competent to judge, that the rate of the loan should be 6 per cent., and he was warned that it would be a failure if a lower rate were offered. He decided that it would be a less evil to risk comparative failure than to stereotype British credit at such a figure. He did not, however, anticipate even a comparative failure.

Making a comparison with previous loans, Mr. Bonar Law said that the amount of new money subscribed to this loan exceeded the amount subscribed for the two previous loans taken together. The loan of 1915, which he thought was a great success, was in amount £816,900,000; but of this £200,000,000 was subscribed by the banks directly.

He thought it would be agreed that if it was not necessary it was undesirable to have these large contributions from the banks.

"In the circumstances of 1915," said the Chancellor, "it was right that the banks should make such contribution, and if the necessity had arisen I would have made a similar appeal on this occasion. The banks promised that they would give that support if required and I wish to acknowledge how completely the banks have done their best to stimulate their customers to subscribe, even at the risk of diminishing their own deposits."

"I have also received from 444 individuals gifts amounting to £60,000, and from 87 others loans free of interest for £198,000. (Cheers.) Promises have been received from 25 individuals amounting to £13,900 a year during the war."

"The last German loan raised 632 millions, and the very biggest German loan 608 millions. This amount was now surpassed by us by some 400 millions. While the German loans successively became smaller ours were increased. (Cheers.)"

In 1915 the number of subscribers was 1,100,000, divided almost equally between the Post Office and the Bank of England, while the number of applications to this loan through the Bank alone was 1,089,000. Many of these loans were made by firms on behalf of employees, so that that sum does not represent all the individuals concerned.

The number of applications through the Post Office is one million. Of war savings certificates there are 400,000 individuals who took sums of £12 and upwards. The number of 15s. 5d. certificates sold was 5,600,000.

## THE LANGUAGE QUESTION.

Knowledge of the East.

It was the claims of other subjects, not lack of interest, that prevented an earlier word of congratulation on the opening of the School of Oriental Studies by the King. No one, indeed, has better reason than the *Times* to rejoice over the completion of a scheme which has been the subject of discussion in its columns now for nearly eight years. The work of the School has already begun and bids fair to remove an intolerable reproach. No other European country has a title of the Eastern interests that Great Britain has, yet, except for the specialised efforts of Oxford and Cambridge, there has been hitherto no centre in Great Britain for the study of Eastern knowledge comparable with those of Berlin or Paris. The Indian Public Services alone would have justified the establishment of such a School many years ago. Its realisation coincides with the recommendation of the Indian Public Services Commission that the period of probation in this country for Indian Civil servants should be extended from one to three years. Here is one wide field for the energies of the School. There are others just as important. It is to aim at the equipment of the soldier, the merchant, the missionary—as well as the administrator—with knowledge of the speech of the peoples among whom they are to work. And it will provide a meeting ground for scholars of the East. The King well said that one of the effects which its work may be expected to have is the development of the "sympathy which already so happily exists between my subjects and those of my Far Eastern Ally Japan." He expects it also "to quicken public interest in the intellectual tradition" of India and "to foster the spirit of loyalty and patriotism and knit together still closer the many nations of the Empire" by "spreading accurate and scientific knowledge of Eastern life and thought." Great responsibilities are a valuable asset for any new institution. Few have had greater than the School of Oriental Studies. The King did no more than justice to the "distinguished scholars and statesmen" who have laboured for its establishment when he acknowledged the nation's debt to their "unflinching efforts."

and, taking as a safe assumption that there was an average of two to each individual, that means an addition to subscribers of 2,800,000, making the total number of subscribers to this loan 5,289,000. (Cheers.)  
In the fifth German loan the number only amounted to 3,810,000.

"But in the German loan every subscriber of 1s. and upwards was included. In our War Savings Committee arrangements were made to receive week by week small sums until they reached 15s. 6d., and I am informed that if every applicant of that kind was taken into account, the total number of applicants to this loan would not be less than eight millions of people." (Cheers.)

The Chancellor congratulated the governors of the Bank of England on the great success with which they had carried through the largest financial operation ever undertaken in the world. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bonar Law mentioned that he had received a number of personal gifts, "which, I am not entitled to accept." Therefore he had sent them back. In one case a widow wrote: "I am constantly being asked for money for the loan. I have no money, I hope you will be able to turn this bracelet into a bullet." (Laughter and cheers.)

The result of the loan, thought the Chancellor, showed the will and the financial ability of the country to win the war. (Cheers.)  
Mr. McKenna said he was sure the House would desire to congratulate the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the unparalleled success of the loan. (Cheers.) The Chancellor's statement showed that it had been completely successful in every particular.

## HALAKITE.

Inquiry on Sir T. Cook's New Explosive.

The Army Council inquiry into the raid on Sir Theodore Cook's editorial room at the Field office, and the War Office refusal to license the White Powder Syndicate to trade in explosives, held a preliminary sitting recently at the Law Courts.

Mr. Justice Shearman (the chairman) is being assisted by Prof. W. J. Pope, professor of chemistry, Cambridge University. Mr. Herbert Nield, M.P., for Mr. Kenney White, solicitor to the syndicate, said that until important documents which had been seized were returned it would be impossible to prepare to meet the case which might be put up by the War Office. A suggestion had been made in Parliament by the Under Secretary for War as to charges which might be brought against one or all the persons concerned in the manufacture of this explosive. Those charges should be formulated at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Crane said Mr. J. O. Blanche, inventor of Halakite (the explosive in question) was an American. He came over on his American passport, and now he urgently required all the papers taken from his premises; also permission to return to France, where he had an office.

Mr. A. H. Dennis (for the Treasury) said it was not proposed to hand over the original documents, but copies could be taken.

Lieutenant Somerset explained that he had been preparing "these cases" for the Public Prosecutor for the last 14 months, and during that time five people had gone to prison without any preliminary inquiry. The documents in question had been submitted to counsel. They were essential in the event of subsequent proceedings.

It was arranged that there should be a further sitting in camera on Monday in connection with the documents. A date for the inquiry to be resumed would then be fixed.

Mr. Justice Shearman said he gathered from what had been said in Parliament that it was desired to have the inquiry in public so far as was consistent in the national interests.

## VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 24, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R., states:—

Detail.  
On duty from the morning of Sunday, the 22nd April, to the morning of Sunday, the 29th April, "B" Coy., H.K.V.R. & Orderly Officer, Lieut. F. H. Thomas.

Next for duty, H.K.V.R.  
Parades.  
Monday, 23rd instant.—Nil.  
Tuesday, 24th instant.—Nil.  
Wednesday, 25th instant.—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section: "A" and "B" Classes at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Thursday, 26th instant.—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean fatigue. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Friday, 27th instant.—"A" and "B" Coos on the road outside the Orderly Room at 5.15 p.m. Kowloon and Taikeo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Strength.  
Platoon A. W. L. Robertson having joined, is allotted Corps No. 653 and posted to Coy. "B" Platoon VII. Section 10.  
Platoon B. E. Hamilton having joined is allotted Corps No. 654 and posted to Coy. "A" Platoon III. Section 10.

## THE FAR EASTERN GAMES.

Hongkong Amateur Athletic Federation.

The following have kindly subscribed toward the expenses of sending competitors from Hongkong to participate in the Far Eastern Games at Tokyo from May 8 to 12, 1917:—

Hon Mr. Lau Chu Pak ..	\$250
Mr. Ho Kwong ..	550
Mr. Ho Wing ..	300
British American Tobacco Co. ....	100
The Confucius Society	100
Mr. Chao Siu Ki ..	25
Mr. Lau King Cho ..	10
Mr. Young Hoo ..	5
Secured by Messrs. Lau Chu Pak and Sons:—	
Chan Kai Ming ..	25
Ellis Kadoorie ..	25
Chan Yui Tong ..	25
Ip San Chi ..	25
R. Hancock ..	25
Chan Pak Chuen ..	25
Lau Chu Pak & Sons ..	75
A. E. Ellis ..	10
P. Tester ..	10
J. W. Kew ..	10
A. M. L. ..	10
G. H. Potts ..	10
H. Seth ..	5
B. Logan ..	5
B. Busto ..	5
N. Croucher ..	5
A. Friend ..	2
H. A. Lammert ..	2

Secured by Mr. Ma Ying Piu:—  
Sam Pak Ming .. 10  
Chan Man Ting .. 5  
Lui Ying Chow .. 10  
Lung Yan Po .. 10  
Ho Wing Kin .. 5  
Kan Tin Hing .. 15  
Lo Chung Wan .. 5  
Tsoi Kung Po .. 5  
The Sincere Co. Ltd. .. 50  
The Sun Co. Ltd. .. 50  
The Wing On Co. Ltd. .. 50  
Kwong Sang Hong .. 25  
Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. .. 100  
Ma Ying Piu .. 10  
Chan Kwong Co. .. 15  
Secured by Mr. Un Hoo Fan:—  
Obey Cheong .. 50  
Tam Lai Ting .. 30  
S. T. Fok .. 20  
Wong Kam Fuk .. 25  
B. W. Tape .. 10  
Un Hoo Fan .. 10  
Lam Woo .. 5

Secured by Mr. Kwok Anpaal:—  
Kwok An Paal .. 20  
Leung Yuk Tong .. 10  
Cheung Cheuk Kee .. 10  
Leung Hon Chi .. 5  
Kwok Tee San .. 10  
Leung Hon Sam .. 5  
Leung Ming Suk .. 5  
Leung Uk Tong .. 5  
Chan Sheung Quong .. 1  
Yeung Hin Fu .. 1  
Kwok Wing Hoi .. 1  
Leung Chi Lak .. 1  
Li Kwok Son .. 1  
Mak Wing Hoi .. 1

Secured by Mr. Un Kam Wa:—  
Mr. Fung Ping Shai .. 50  
Mr. Un Kam Wa .. 50  
Secured by Mr. Wong Kwong Tin:—  
Mr. An Tak .. 25  
Mr. Wong Kwong Tin .. 10  
Mr. Li Wan Kam .. 5  
Secured by Mr. J. M. Wong:—  
Wong:—  
Mr. Wong Lai Sang .. 25  
Mr. Mok Cho Chuen .. 25  
Mr. J. M. Wong .. 25

Total .. \$2,446

## For the French Fund.

We are pleased to announce that as a result of the concert given by Professor Danenberg and his pupils, the exceedingly good sum of \$690 has been raised, which will be devoted to the French Relief Fund, without any expenses being deducted.

## No Kerosene Licence.

A shopkeeper of Hollywood Road was summoned before Mr. O. D. Melbourne, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, for keeping kerosene without licence. Inspector Terratt stated that he found the shop empty of oil, but at the back, under some stairs, he found five tins, a thing that would have been illegal even if a licence had existed. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

## A MONTH'S WORK.

Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

Lady Ross Davies forwards us the following:—  
The Hongkong Branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, which is financed by the War Charities Committee, despatched during March the following articles received:—

From the City Hall Working Party (under Mrs. Stabb).—91 shirts, 12 service shirts, 44 pairs pyjamas, 57 vests, 23 bed jackets, 17 scrubbers, 53 milk covers.  
From the Union Church Working Party (Mrs. Macdonald).—197 pairs socks, 55 pairs surgical stockings, 60 shirts, 30 pairs pyjamas, 50 vests, 5 bed jackets, 12 caps, 34 surgical caps, 78 milk covers, 163 handkerchiefs, 2 pairs mittens, 10 mufflers, 3 body belts, 132 towels, 680 rolled bandages, 50 stump bandages, 31 many-tail bandages, 78 eye bandages, 24 shrouds, 9 hold-all bags, 3 troy cloths, 1 rug made by Javonia Work Party.

From Naval and Dockyard Party (Mrs. Sandeman).—24 pairs pyjamas, 51 shirts, 51 vests, 52 eye bandages, 3 pairs operation stockings, 1 pair trench boots, 24 shrouds, 20 milk covers, 6 knitted caps, 3 pairs socks.  
From Park Club Bandage Making Party (Mrs. Sandeman).—1,266 rolled bandages, 6 many-tail bandages, 6 head bandages, 3 stump bandages, 1 floor cloth.  
From the Helena May Institute (Mrs. Jordan).—1,778 rolled bandages, 12 eye bandages, 42 head caps, 6 stump bandages, 8 many-tail bandages, 12 shirts, 31 wash cloths, 18 pairs surgical stockings, 2 woollen caps, 3 pairs socks, 678 swabs.

From Catholic Women's League (Miss Loureiro).—2,368 bandages, 24 floor swabs, 100 bandage bags and 1 wristor's waistcoat.

From Our Little Bit Society (Mrs. Green).—2,184 rolled bandages, 1,200 swabs, 138 many-tail flannel bandages, 89 eye bandages, 32 caps, 55 milk covers, 6 pairs surgical stockings, 20 mufflers, 5 pairs stretcher boots, 87 pairs pyjamas, 83 khaki handkerchiefs.

From Kowloon Club (Mrs. Beckwith).—1,180 rolled bandages, 536 swabs, 36 stump bandages, 49 eye bandages, 29 cotton wool pads, 23 many-tail bandages, 22 head caps, 6 pairs socks, 4 pairs surgical stockings, 4 caps, 2 mufflers, 1 pair gloves.  
From Mrs. Alabaster.—168 pairs socks, 50 pairs operation stockings, 20 caps, 3 coloured caps, all of which were knitted by ladies in their own houses.

The following list of articles made by the Kowloon Club (Mrs. Beckwith) for Queen Mary's Needlework Guild during January and February was received too late for last publication:—3,127 rolled bandages, 1,365 swabs, 84 many-tail bandages, 72 stump bandages, 65 eye bandages, 13 surgical caps, 20 pairs socks, 20 mufflers, 2 pairs surgical stockings, 2 pairs gloves, 1 pair mittens, 1 pair knee caps, 1 Balclutha helmet.

The City Hall Working Party wish to remind their friends that they are always grateful for packs of old playing cards and magazines, also for old felt hats. The latter are used to make soles for hospital slippers.

## VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE.

The 1917 season of the Hongkong Volleyball League will be opened on Monday, the 23rd inst. Two fixtures in the Junior League will be played on the Y.M.C.A. playground at 4.30 p.m. The Senior League will open on May 1. Play in the Open League will probably be resumed in June.  
Eleven teams have entered the League—four in the Senior, and seven in the Junior.  
There is to be a meeting at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hall on Saturday, the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the League, to which all players and League officials are invited. An interesting programme, consisting of speeches and music, has been arranged.



## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

**Coconuts as Investments.**  
There has naturally not been so much heard lately about the coconut boom—anyway, no capital could be available in these times. But, as a contemporary remarks, coconuts are perhaps the most disappointing of all tropical cultures from the investor's point of view, and quite a number of companies have failed to justify their existence. Essentially, coconuts, the "Console of Malaya," are a "small man's" cultivation, as experience has shown cultivation on a large scale is expensive. Even conjointly with rubber it seems doubtful if they are worth cultivating at all. The result of V.J. d'O's is instanced. That company has nearly 1,000 acres of rubber, and about the same under coconuts. About 593,500 coconuts were gathered last year, and realized \$2,590; but estate costs were \$1,680, so that the net proceeds were only \$908. Nothing, of course, is allowed for depreciation or management. Rubber, on the other hand, realized \$34,523, or \$23,924 net, after estate costs. This is not an isolated instance. Val d'O in five years has harvested just over 2,000,000 nuts. These realized \$9,232 in all, but estate costs totalled \$7,875. Thus the net proceeds for five years only amounted to \$1,406, representing about 1d. for three nuts.—and C. Express.

## China's Sugar Industry.

Of the sugar produced in China, the best quality comes from Fokien, Taiwan (Formosa) and Kwantung. It is packed in packages of 100 catties or 133 pounds each. The Shanghai and provincial merchants usually send remittance 10 days after placing an order when they can take delivery of the goods ordered, for shipment at the place of production. The quantity of sugar produced in Fokien, Taiwan and Kwantung but consumed in other provinces of China was once very large, but has dwindled and is continually dwindling every year. Of the dozen or so firms dealing in sugar at this port, only three or four are doing this as their sole business, all having their offices in or near Rue Montauban. These firms have not been doing well for many years, owing first to keen competition by the advent of refined sugar manufactured in Hongkong and Luzon by the Ewo and Taihoo refineries, and later by thecession of Formosa to Japan and the consequent handling of the sugar industry there by Japanese. The foreign refineries make up their packages to contain 135 catties or 180 pounds of sugar each, that is 35 catties more sugar than a package of Chinese sugar. As the colour of their sugar is snowy white and looks very nice and clean, the markets in China are soon overrun with the foreign product. The Japanese have gone a step further by increasing the weight of sugar per package to 138 catties or 184 pounds; they also, it is alleged, adulterate their sugar in its manufacture, so that they can ship their produce to China and undersell their competitors. The Chinese welcome foreign sugar, because it looks nicer and it is cheaper than the Chinese production. At present, not only has the position enjoyed by the Fokien and Kwantung sugar been usurped by the Formosan produce, but even the Ewo and Taihoo goods have experienced a sharp setback; in short, the sugar market here is as good as monopolized by the Japanese producers. However, the Chinese connoisseurs have found out that although the Chinese sugar is dearer than foreign sugar, it has a far sweeter and more captivating flavour, so when all is considered it is really cheaper. With this discovery, some of the Chinese sugar merchants think it still possible to recover the past glory of their business by introducing new methods in the manufacture and sale of the native sugar. They are holding meetings to discuss ways and means of restoring their position in the market. The market fluctuations for the past few days only demonstrate the same.

**Mining in Formosa.**  
There are 64 varieties of mineral and oil mines in Formosa but the chief ones are gold, silver, copper, gold dust, mercury, sulphur, phosphorus, coal and petroleum. The output has been growing with the years. The output of 1897 amounted to 1,112,000 but in 1906 the amount advanced to 2,271,000, which was about 20 times more than that of 1897. Again in 1916 the amount reached 2,538,000 which exceeds by 50 times that of 1897.

## Manchuria Weaving Co., Ltd.

A good number of the promoters of the Manchuria Cotton Weaving Co., Ltd., are interested in another new venture to be founded under the style of "Kanzawa Spinning Co., Ltd.," as either founders or supporters. It has been decided that both schemes shall be incorporated and the new Changchun factory shall be operated as a branch of the Kanzawa Spinning Co. to engage in cotton spinning and weaving. Out of the total 100,000 shares, 90,000 were subscribed to by February 25, and the remaining 10,000 shares amounting to Y500,000 are to be offered for public subscription in Manchuria shortly. It is said that the premiums offered by the subscribers of the Kanzawa Co. averaged Y7.95, even though the money market happened to be rather saturated with new share stocks. For the new shares to be raised in Manchuria the premium is to be set at Y2. The promoters of the K. n. s. w. Co. include capitalists of established reputation such as Messrs. S. Hayakawa, S. Hoshino, G. Masuda, etc. The fact that nine-tenths of the capital have already been subscribed to, the remaining one-tenth only being left to complete the subscription list, would seem to impart much greater solidity to the Changchun enterprise than the case would be if it were to be a new independent affair. The machinery for installation at Changchun has already been ordered from Great Britain and is expected to be in Manchuria about September.

## Silk Prospects Bright.

In connection with the revival in the Yokohama silk market which followed the unsteadiness resulting from the prohibition of silk imports by France, Mr. Yasujima, manager of the Horikoshi Shokai, one of the largest silk exporting firms in Japan, said recently in an interview with a reporter for the Japan Advertiser that the prospect for the silk trade was very bright and that Japan would not be much injured by the prohibition of imports by the bans of the European countries. Any injury would probably be due to precipitate sales by the Japanese dealers themselves. A thousand new uses for silk have been invented in America where the great prosperity of all classes has resulted in luxurious habits to an extreme extent; everyone wears silk in the United States, it is not regarded as a luxury there. "This fact is well testified to," continued Mr. Yasujima, "by the intense activity of the American weavers at present. They consume many grades of raw silk and waste silk in an ever-increasing quantity. Most of their material is imported from Japan. A certain American visitor lately remarked that as long as America remains the buyers of Japan's silk Japan can rest assured of her prospect as silk supplier. Even if all Europe ceases to buy from her she can easily make good her loss in America." Mr. Yasujima is of the opinion that the blow from the European trade ban will be only temporary and insignificant. "Moreover," he says, "those countries in Europe cannot do without silk textiles and silk goods and the bulk of what they require is supplied by Japan. They will, therefore, grant licences for selfish reasons sooner or later. "More harm will be done by the dealers themselves than the trade restrictions or peace rumours which they spread," Mr. Yasujima observed. "The market fluctuations for the past few days only demonstrate the same."

they do to the market. At the report of the French ban they tried to unload their holdings and mitigate their eventual losses. Now they are astonished at the rapid recovery of the market and the loss attendant on their sales."

## Rubber.

London, March 9.—After a certain amount of reaction the decline brought in orders, and prices were driven up sharply. Messrs. Sanderson report landings for previous week were heavy, being close upon 2,900 tons. This may have induced the free granting of export permits, which would certainly encourage trade activity. The drastic restriction of imports of non-essential articles should give more tonnage for essential articles, in which rubber is evidently included. Landings for week ending February 24, 1,983 tons; deliveries, 1,417 tons; stock on February 24, 10,639 tons, against 7,485 tons in 1916. At the recent annual general meeting of the Rubber Trade Association of London, the chairman remarked that there were Government Committees engaged in discussing the future trade of the Empire from many points of view. The rubber industry was of immense value to the Empire, and that to an extent not altogether realised by the authorities. Sooner or later it would be generally realised that a great part of the British control of rubber and the rubber trade has taken in the war, and it may be that when that time arrives the Government may consider it advisable to take steps to safeguard such control for the nation for all time. He was more and more convinced that the permanent control of the rubber industry in British hands, and the continued prosperity of the whole trade, was bound up with, and very largely dependent on, the London market. The latest published statement about the Netherlands Indies war profits tax is that by the Lange chairman, who, at the annual meeting stated that, according to advice received from friends in Holland, the Bill was likely to be passed, although that company and many others should not be liable to make any payment under the proposed measure. The measure originally introduced in Holland, which is likely to be put into force in the Dutch Colonies, states that: "Every increase of income or profit shall be deemed to be a result of the state of war if, and in so far as, the contrary has not been shown sufficiently." Rubber has not benefited by war, though coffee profits have been increased. At the meeting of the Para Electric Light Company the Chairman referred to the rubber trade of Brazil as intimately connected with the welfare of Para. Comparing crop season ended at June 30, 1916, with its predecessor, rubber exports from the Amazon district increased from 33,500 to 36,725 tons. Total production for the calendar year 1916 was 37,250 tons, as against 37,000 tons during 1915. This figure has been practically constant for three years. It is anticipated that the supply for the current year may be somewhat in excess of this average, owing to an abnormally low river, which has enabled rubber collection to be continued somewhat longer than usual. As local commodities do not at all increase proportionately in price with currency depreciation, rubber gatherers who receive payment in currency on the gold value of the rubber are undoubtedly better off than when exchange is at par. 544,972 lb. of plantation rubber was shipped from the State of British North Borneo during November. Of the exports of rubber from Para last year 6,285,000 kilogrammes were through Brazilian firms, 4,152,000 American, 2,958,000 British, 2,576,000 Swiss, 1,493,000 German, 871,000 French, and 1,558,000 other nationalities. The conspicuous part now played by Swiss exporters, altogether absent in 1913-14, is as notable as the fact shown by the German who then headed the list with 9,280,000 kilogrammes.

**High Prices of Wire.**  
On March 8 the American Steel and Wire Co. announced a sensational advance of \$4 a ton in all wire products. Wire nails advanced to G. \$3.20 a keg, plain wire 3.15 cents, four-point painted barbed wire 3.35 cents, and galvanized barbed wire 4.05 cents a pound. This means that wire nails are higher than since December 30, 1899, when the official price was \$3.20 a keg. On April 21 following, the historic break of \$1 a keg, or \$10 per ton, occurred, alarming the entire industry. The highest price at which nails have ever sold was \$5 a keg, in 1885-1886; the lowest on record was 85 cents a keg, in 1894.

## Commercial and Produce Markets.

London, March 7.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 5½ per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 4½ to 5 per cent. Bank bills 4½ to 4½-16 per cent. The Silver market has been rather dull, and bars are now quoted at 37.3-161 per oz. In the Rubber share market there has been activity in good class investment shares, and business generally would probably be larger if the supply of shares was greater. Chinese bonds have been a feature on the Stock market, being influenced by the proposal made by the Allies to the Chinese Government as to the payment of the Boxer Indemnity, if China gives her support to the Entente Powers. China Tea has been in good demand, and rates are higher. Office has been well competed for on the whole, and prices are firm. In the Sugar market a good demand continues to prevail at full prices. Peppers are firm, but quiet. The Rice market continues steady. Manila Hemp is quiet, but late prices are maintained. The market for Plantation Rubber has been quiet, but fairly steady, both Standard No. 1 Crepe and Smoked Sheet being now quoted 3s. 3d. per lb. Fine Hard Gata is also 3s. 3d. per lb. Straits Tin is \$201 to \$201 5s. for cash, and \$200 15s. to \$201 for three months' delivery.

## China and Flour.

Kiangchow, April 3.—The Reuter telegram from Peking dated March 21, announcing the Government proposal to permit the export of flour from China surely calls for some explanation. One of the perpetual problems of the northern provinces is the supply of wheat flour for the populace. Flour is the staple food, and even the poorest peasant takes a substitute with feelings of regret at his fate. When a farmer can feed his family on wheat from one harvest to the next times are good. If he can afford to lay by for bad times and take a few bags to market he is considered rich. If this can be managed regularly every year, the family are looked upon as local Nobles. But anyone who knows anything of the conditions in Shanxi, Shensi or other wheat-growing provinces cannot but be amazed at the proposal to allow wheat to go out of the country unless there is some corresponding scheme very materially to improve, increase and organise the production and distribution of the people's staple food. For some years Shanxi has been drawing on its wheat reserves and the price in consequence is steadily advancing. To-day thousands of families are simply holding themselves together on borrowed money and borrowed grain, hoping that this year's wheat harvest may give them a chance to recuperate, and they have been hanging on to forlorn hopes of this kind for some years already. Small capitalists and grain dealers do much speculation in grain, and the common people suffer much at their hands, but once upon an un-restricted door to export and famine and starvation will be the immediate result. Surely there is some mistake about the telegram quoted in the China Daily News.

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## HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES;  
B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

## OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.	
Banks	b. \$710
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Cantons	b. \$375
North China	n. t. 150
Unions	b. \$915
Yangtzes	n. ar 73217
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fires	b. \$155
H. K. Fires	b. \$330
SHIPPING.	
Douglases	s. \$87
Steamboats	sa. \$18
Indos (Def.)	sa. \$124
Indos (Pref.)	sa. \$213
Shells	b. 107-1
Ferries	n. \$34

## REFINERIES.

Sugars	sa. \$118 1/4
Malabons	b. \$52

## MINING.

Kailans	n. 36-1
Langkats	b. t. 17 1/2
Raubs	b. \$2.25
Tronchs	s. 27 1/2
Urals	n. 28-1

**DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &C.**  
H. K. Wharves s. & sa. \$82  
Kowloon Docks sa. \$123  
Shai Docks b. t. 90 1/4

**LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.**  
Centrals n. \$1.00  
H. K. Hotels n. \$102  
Land Invest. b. \$97 1/2  
H. Phreys Est. n. \$8.25  
K'loon Lands n. \$33  
Shai Lands n. t. 80  
West Points b. \$75

**COTTON MILLS.**  
Ewos b. & sa. t. 150  
Kung Yiks b. t. 144  
Shai Cottons b. t. 120  
Yangtzepeos b. t. 6

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
Borneos n. \$8  
China Light & P. b. \$4.75  
Providents n. \$8  
Dairy Farms b. \$23 1/2  
Green Islands sa. \$8.6  
H. K. Electric n. \$504  
H. K. Ice Co. n. \$151  
Ropes n. \$38 1/4  
Steel Foundries n. \$10  
Trams, Low Levels. \$7.80  
Trams, Peak, old n. \$9.80  
Trams, Peak, new n. \$1  
Laundries b. \$3.40  
U. Waterboats n. \$16  
Watsons n. \$6 1/2  
Wm. Powells b. \$6.40  
Morning Posts n. \$29

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Demand	2/4 3/16
30 d/s.	2/4 1/2
60 d/s.	2/4 1/2
4 m/s.	2/4 13/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	101 1/2
T/T Japan	110 1/4
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	56 1/2
co & New York	Nom.
T/T Java	137 1/2
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	323
Demand, Paris	323 1/2

BUYING.	
4 m/s. L/C	2/5 5/16
4 m/s. D/P	2/5 7/16
6 m/s. L/C	2/5 9/16
30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne	2/5 9/16
30 d/s. San Francisco	57 1/4
Isop & New York	Nom.
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	325
6 m/s. France	340
Demand, Germany	Nom.
Demand, New York	56 1/2
T/T Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	113
Demand, Singapore	107 1/2
On Haiphong	37 1/2 prem.
On Saigon	25 1/2 prem.
On Bangkok	64 1/2
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11.30 A.M. to	12.45 P.M.	15 MIN.
12.45 P.M. to	1.15 P.M.	10 MIN.
1.15 P.M. to	1.45 P.M.	15 MIN.
1.45 P.M. to	2.15 P.M.	10 MIN.
2.15 P.M. to	5.00 P.M.	15 MIN.
5.00 P.M. to	6.00 P.M.	30 MIN.



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NEXT,  
23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL,  
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Hongkong, 18th April 1917.

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#### SHIPPING NEWS.

#### ARRIVED.

Chiyoo, Chi, s.s. 1,100, Colom, 20th  
Apr. Shanghai, 14th Apr. Gen.  
C.M.S.S.  
Rindjini, Dut. s.s. 2,951, A'am, 20th  
Apr. Singapore, 15th Apr. Gen.  
J.C.J.L.  
Szechuen, Br. s.s. 1,143, Dillon, 24th Apr.  
Hankow, 13th Apr. Rice--B. & S.  
Taming, Br. s.s. 1,330, Farnfield, 20th  
Apr. Manila, 17th Apr. Gen.  
B. & S.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

On the 20th at noon--No returns from  
Japanese stations. Pressure has in-  
creased moderately over N. China, and  
with few exceptions, has decreased  
slightly elsewhere. A moderate anticy-  
clone is situated to the north-west of  
Shantung and a depression to the north-  
west of Formosa.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.07 inch.  
Total since January 1st, 7.37 inches,  
against an average of 9.39 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS  
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
Hongkong to Gap Rock	E. & S.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, rain.
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, moderate.

South coast of China be- The same  
tween H.K. and Lamook as No. 1.  
South coast of China be- The same  
tween H.K. and Hainan as No. 1.  
C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.  
Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 20, 1917.

#### METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	29.29	29.27	29.27
Temperature	71	70	72
Humidity	95	97	95
Wind Direction	SE	E	E
Force	1	2	3
Weather	od	o	o
Rain	0.11	0.00	0.20

Signs open at Temperature on the 19th at noon.  
H.K. Observatory, April 20, 1917.  
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

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